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A Relation of some notable Cures accounted incurable, as followeth.

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Ens primum [illegible] *Germaniæ*,

WHereas the Vertue of the *Ens primum Acidularum Germaniæ*, that is (as it were) *the Quintessence of the (Swalbacher) Sower-springs in Germany*, hath by its good effects to mens health been made known in and about *London*, and in several Counties of *England*, and many people desirous to be helped, being stil ignorant of it: The multitude of such as vaunts themselves (under the Name of *Doctors* and *Physicians*) with store of placards affixed about the streets, having by such a manner, (that prostitutes its Masters to a vulgar discredit, and over-scrupulous contempt, in prejudice upon the innocent Art of *Physick*) made for a long time a stop to any farther intimation concerning the said *Ens primum*: Yet upon the earnest desire of several persons, the Cures hereafter mentioned, being in truth effectively performed; it hath been resolved, hereby once more to give publick notice of it, and its particular virtues, according to late experience, since that general account given of it about 2. years past. By the blessing of God it is an universal preserver of mens bodies & every sublunar creature whatsoever, against all kind of putrefaction, corruption and infection; more particularly, the *Ens primum* has been found beneficial to many that wanted appetite and digestion. Also it has been found good in the stopping of the stomach, in Consumptions, in Agues, in Vomiting, Surfeit, Ulcers, Scurvy, Feavers, Worms, Cough, Spleen, Flux of blood, shortness of breath and stitches, great colds, Colick, fits of the Mother, Obstructions, Convulsion-fits; in the Small-pox it hath been very effectual, and exceeding successful; it is also a good preservative against the Gout, and hath been administred in many other diseases, restoring some persons to perfect health

that were given over by Phyſicians. Women ſubject to barrenneſs and miſcarriage, and alſo thoſe whoſe children after birth uſually dyed, having taken of the *Ens primum* all the time of their being with child, brought forth ſound Children, not ſubject to the Rickets or Scab, becauſe as it purifies the whole body from all corruption, ſo conſequently the Womb.

Oleum de Lapide Butleri.

THat this Oyle is an Univerſal Medicine as well as the Stone it ſelf, is publikely known by the Writings of *Van Helmont*: And therefore having for many years tried divers things concerning it, I have of late found ſomething near it, whereof the Oyle into which this ſtone is dipped, hath given theſe proofs, *viz.* By annointing the limbs it has cured the running Gout: And by annointing the feet it gave preſent eaſe to a painful Gout: It hath cured the Kings-Evil, Lameneſs of long continuance, Apoplexie, Spleen, Melancholly, ſtrange pains in the body: Alſo a great impoſthume, that after many applications in five years was not cured, was rendered curable. Another in a Conſumption, having a hard lump on the ſide of her belly, and all over her body, as it were an entire ſcab, was perfectly cured in a ſhort time with the ſaid Oyle. A hand as it were venomed, and ſwelling up to the ſhoulder with blew ſpots, being annointed, the pain immediately ceaſed, and the ſwelling aſſwaged. A great ſwelling on the head and face, neck and ſhoulders with much pain, and the Kings-evil, was eaſed and advanced to a cure by this Oyle. Feet ſwelled and very ſore, and lameneſs on the huckle-bone, have been cured. A man overtaken with a painful diſtemper over all his body, for the ſpace of five days, not knowing what it was, was cured immediately. Another being brought very low, firſt he was afflicted with knobs in a ſtrange manner, and his fleſh was much conſumed of a ſudden, and his appetite quite loſt, preſently after he had touched this ſtone twice on the tip of his tongue, the knobs fell in a wonderful manner; and uſing it in the ſame manner 20 days, his fleſh came again, and he grew pretty ſtrong. Likewiſe many being troubled in mind, and many troubled with head-ach have been ſoon refreſhed with ſome few drops upon the tongue. A very dangerous and deſperate *Fiſtula* entring into the body, was brought to a cure with the ſame, *&c.*

Epilepſia, Hydrops, Puſtulæ & Podagra.

PAracelſus (*in fine Libri II. de Præparationibus*) is declaring ſomething concerning the Cure of the Falling-ſickneſs,

Dropſie

Dropſie, Morbus Gallicus (*vide Paracelſum in Chirurgicis, Libr. 2. De Puſtulis ibi: De Puſtulis ſeu Morbo Gallico*) and the Gout, exalting the excellency of the true *Spirit* of Vitriol in the diſeaſes made mention of; but he there ſpeaks of the making of that *Spirit* according to the Philoſophical manner. However *I* may ſay in truth, that a woman aged 45. years, having had the Falling-ſickneſs ſixteen years in a moſt cruel raging manner, had been wholly cured by this Medicine within ſix Weeks. Another woman 36. years of age, being afflicted with the Falling-ſickneſs for 30 years, hath been cured by the ſame within eight weeks. A Boy of twelve years being taken with this diſeaſe half a year after he was born, inſomuch, that when the fit was upon him, he muſt be holden by two or three men; & when he felt the fit was coming, in a ſtrange manner he would ſeek to avoid it, ſometimes by offering to run into the water, ſometimes into the fire, ſometimes againſt the wall, ſo that it was an exceeding great miſery to behold ſuch a poor creature; he was at laſt cured within 6. weeks by this Medicine, and is ſtill in good health. Another Maid of 22. years of age, had often ſuch fits three hours long, was reſtored within four weeks. Alſo a woman being conſtantly afflicted with the Falling-ſickneſs whenſoever ſhe was with child, was perfectly cured by the uſe of this Medicine, and not troubled any more therewith.

Thus it is manifeſt by ſuch proofs, that *Paracelſus* is true in his promiſe or aſſertion concerning the excellency of that wonderful Spirit of Vitriol: And therefore we may ſafely conclude, that the ſaid *Paracelſus* ſpeaks truth alſo, concerning the cure of the Gout, Dropſie and French-Pox, with the ſelf-ſame Spirit of Vitriol; which whether it be ſo or not, might be experienced without any harm, becauſe this Spirit of Vitriol is not hurtful at all to the nature of Man, as being freed from all corroſiveneſs, that is ordinary to ſuch like Mineral Spirits, its virtue and nobility being as it were derived from an Aſtral influence, by its artificial and ſecret preparation, which *Paracelſus loco citato*, deſcribes under the figure of the ninth Alembique.

As concerning Puſtulas, or the French-Pox, which *Paracelſus* makes mention of, my Book in print, entitled, *A Paradox of the Shameful Diſeaſe*, may give larger ſatisfaction to him that deſireth more information of it, together with its cure, under a parable In the ſecond part of the ſame, wherein I have more particularly diſcloſed *Paracelſus* ground, whereof the ſaid Medicine of that diſeaſe doth ariſe according to his intention.

Calculus

Calculus Vesicæ, *or stone of the Bladder.*

HAth been from age to age a very hard trial to Phyſicians, of which the cure by inward means, finally grown deſperate, hath cauſed the cutting of the bladder-ſtone. *Mercatus* and *Capivaccius* do confeſs they were ignorant of any remedy for it. *Eraſtus* is perſwaded, that by no means the bladder-ſtone is curable inwardly. Nevertheleſs the moſt authorized Philoſophers do afford its cure by their experience. *Baſile Valentine* hath performed the ſaid cure with his *Lapis Ignis*, ſo called; *Paracelſe* with his *Ludus*, of which *Van Helmont* declareth ſomething more plainly concerning its preparation, *viz.* by the *Alcaheſt*. And ſo always ſuch as being fitly qualified, have ſought in a right manner, have found ſomewhat. *A* boy of ſix years pitifully tormented with the ſtone of the bladder night and day, I verily certifie, that he was cured entirely with a Medicine, whether according to *Baſilius* by the *Lapis ignis*, or according to *Paracelſus* by the *Ludus*, I think needleſs to expreſs more particularly, Curioſity being not ſatisfactory in this reſpect. *A*nother boy of a bigger age was cured of the ſame, *viz.* Stone of the Bladder, after ſome years affliction therewith by this Medicine alone. So that *I* am convinced, Philoſophers are true in their writings concerning this cure.

RUPTURE.

I Say more, An old man of 62. years having a Rupture on both ſides, to the bigneſs of a mans fiſt, was reſtored by the ſelf-ſame Medicine within ten weeks. Another about the ſame age burſt at the one ſide alone, was reſtored to his health by the ſame within eight weeks, and this beyond all expectation.

Theſe things I thought fit to publiſh for the common good, that *I* might not by my ſilence be the cauſe, that any who may & would be helped, ſhould periſh, knowing not, that there was a remedy provided for his diſtemper under the bleſſing of God.

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